

COURSE SYLLABUS

Women and Church Leadership

Course Lecturer: Alice Mathews, PhD

Distinguished Professor Emerita of Educational and Women's Ministries at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Course Description

In *Women and Church Leadership*, you will work with biblical, theological, historical and contemporary issues and models for the ministries of women. In particular, you will examine these issues in the light of the best recent scholarship and in the light of current denominational debates on the question of women's ordination to pastoral ministry or other types of leadership in the church.

The subject of this course is one that is critical in the church today. Our Daily Bread Christian University encourages you to approach the subject with an open mind and heart as you review all perspectives on the issue. The goal of the course is to help you develop a point of view that is theologically sound and that fits with your personal convictions.

(If you are interested in a somewhat different perspective on women in leadership roles within the church, Our Daily Bread Christian University also offers ML505 *Ministering to Women in the Church* by Lucy Mabery-Foster, PhD)

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Articulate the relevant issues on all sides of the question of women and church leadership.
- State your own biblical and theological understanding and the position you have come to as a result of having taken this course.

Course Lecturer



Alice Mathews, PhD

Education:

- Iliff School of Theology/University of Denver, PhD
- Michigan State University, MA
- Bob Jones University, BA

Teaching Career:

- Academic Dean, Christian University GlobalNet
- Lois W. Bennett Distinguished Professor Emerita of Educational and Women's Ministries, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
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Other Career Highlights:

- Co-host, *Discover the Word* radio program with Mart DeHaan and Haddon Robinson
- Frequent teacher and conference speaker throughout North America and other parts of the world
- Involved since 1970 in women's ministries both in North America and overseas, including 17 years spent serving in churches in France and Austria

Publications:

- Author of several books of Bible studies for women, as well as a homiletics textbook, *Preaching That Speaks to Women*, and a marriage textbook, *Marriage Made in Eden*, co-authored with M. Gay Hubbard
- Contributed chapters to eight other edited volumes

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.